

MARLBORO TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMITTEE

MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 16, 2013

MUNICIPAL COMPLEX – ROOM 2 7:30PM

Meeting is called to order at 7:30pm

Roll Call was taken

Sherry Cilea –Present

Mary Eng – Not Present

Eric Engel –Present

Pat Ondar – Present

Debi Richards – Present

Tara Vitale –Not Present

Scott Warren - Present

Jeff Weiss – Present

Shari Spero – CME Associates – Not Present

Ron Dollman – CME Associates - Present

Randi Marder – Councilperson –Not Present

Opening statement is read by Jeff Weiss, chairperson.

As the presiding officer of this meeting of the Marlboro Shade Tree Committee, I hereby declare that the notice requirements in accordance with the provisions of the open meeting law chapter 21, P.L. 1995 has been provided in accordance with the annual notice procedures of C 10.428 of said Act. I further order that this public announcement be place in the minutes of this meeting.

A motion to approve the minutes from the August meeting was made by Pat Ondar and seconded by Eric Engel.

Proposed Tree Park

Status will remain the same: The former Marlboro Psychiatric property is being considered, as this property is being restored by the state and will be preserved as a park. Plans will be revisited at the time the state transfers' ownership to Marlboro Township which is estimated near year end of 2014.

Open items from the August meeting

- **Five Year Forestry Plan** –. The committee is on track for the first half of the year to meet our goals. A hazardous tree survey was discussed, it may be too costly.
- **Tree City USA** – The committee will update the website to reflect the approved five year status. Also considered was the replacement of the damaged sign.
- **Arbor Day 2014 - Location** options were discussed. If the community garden has begun, that will be the location. Tree type, a nursery and planting were reviewed.
- **Community Garden** – Marlboro Township has not been awarded a state grant. The committee will continue planning for the garden and research other grants available for application. Discussed were layout, parking, fencing, trees, tree nursery and forecasted costs.
- **Marlboro Day** – The committee handed out 400 sapling eastern white pine tree to residents of Marlboro Township. Also offered was literature on various topics pertaining to tree pruning, deer protection, proper planting and a work booklet for children.

New Business

- The committee will discuss and advise on planting for the proposed Town Center project located on route 79
- The 88th annual Shade Tree Federation Conference will take place on October 25, 2014 in Cherry Hill NJ. Members will attend.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm by Sherry Cilea and seconded by Jeff Weiss.

The next meeting date will be October 23 at 7:30pm.